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Flohrville Union Chapel
Church Street and Central Avenue

1911

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Magi No.

DOE ___yes ___no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Flohrville Union Chapel

and/or common Flohrville U. M. Church

2. Location

street & number 6620 Church Street

___ not for publication

city, town Flohrville

___ vicinity of

congressional district

state Maryland

county Carroll

3. Classification

Category

☒ district
☒ building(s)
___ structure
___ site
___ object

Ownership

☒ public
☒ private
___ both
Public Acquisition
___ in process
___ being considered
☒ not applicable

Status

☒ occupied
___ unoccupied
___ work in progress
Accessible
☒ yes: restricted
___ yes: unrestricted
___ no

Present Use

___ agriculture
___ commercial
___ educational
___ entertainment
___ government
___ industrial
___ military
___ museum
___ park
___ private residence
☒ religious
___ scientific
___ transportation
___ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Union Methodist Chapel, Ruth C. Moore

street & number 1000 Waite Avenue

telephone no.:

city, town Sykesville

state and zip code MD 21784

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Courthouse Annex

liber

street & number 55 North Court Street

folio

city, town Westminster

state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date

___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent

☐ good

☒ fair

☐ deteriorated

☐ ruins

☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered

☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved

date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Summary: Flohrville Union Chapel is located on the west side of Church Street, at the intersection of Central Avenue, in Flohrville, in southeastern Carroll County. The church faces east, is one story, and three bays by three bays. It has a poured concrete foundation, aluminum siding, and a gable roof with standing-seam metal and a ridge running east-west. The east elevation has a later vestibule added to it. The first story of the south elevation has three 2/2 sash with a triangular top and mottled blue and rose colored glass. The southeast corner of the foundation has a stone carved with "Union Chapel 1911." The north elevation has the same arrangement. The original east wall has a center door with five lying panels. Flanking each side is a 2/2 sash like those on the north and south elevations. There is a raised dais on the west end, with a recessed, three-sided apse behind it.

Flohrville Union Chapel is located on the west side of Church Street, at the intersection of Central Avenue, in Flohrville, in southeastern Carroll County. The lot slopes down to the west. The church faces east, is one story, and three bays by three bays. It has a poured concrete foundation, aluminum siding, and a gable roof with standing-seam metal and a ridge running east-west. The east elevation has a later vestibule added to it. This structure has a CMU foundation, aluminum siding, and a gable roof with interlocking asphalt shingles. The east elevation of this vestibule has double six-panel doors under a gabled hood. The gable end of the main block of the church has a louvered vent. Centered on the ridge at the east end is an open bell tower with four corner posts and a hipped roof with asphalt shingles.

The south elevation has three new 2/2 sash in the cellar. The first story has three 2/2 sash with a triangular top and mottled blue and rose colored glass. The southeast corner of the foundation has a stone carved with "Union Chapel 1911." The north elevation has the same arrangement, except the center bay of the foundation has an exterior oil tank, and there is an interior brick chimney east of center. The west elevation has a one-story shed-roof addition attached to the cellar. Above the addition is a three-sided projecting apse with aluminum siding and asphalt shingles.

The sanctuary has a carpeted floor, panelled walls, and a plaster ceiling that follows the gable pitch and the tie beam. There are six lights hanging from the ceiling. The original east wall has a center door with five lying panels. The exterior is grained to imitate a light wood, and the interior has a dark varnish. Flanking each side is a 2/2 sash like those on the north and south elevations. There is a raised dais on the west end. It has a varnished pine altar rail with balusters that are square in plan. There is a recessed,

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three-sided apse with boarded-up windows on the two short sides of the apse. They are now hidden by a dossal cloth. The furniture and pews are new.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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Specific dates 1911 Builder/Architect unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Jeremiah Flohr, a farmer from Frederick County, bought land in the Eldersburg-Sykesville vicinity. In 1900 he set out to a new town, named Flohrville after him. By May 1911, Jeremiah Flohr was building a Union Chapel at the corner of Main Street and Central Avenue, and the cornerstone laying would take place on 28 May. The following day the carpenters began building the frame work, which was completed by 2 June. On 23 June it was reported: "Our Chapel is being painted this week." The following week they were awaiting the arrival of the furniture. The bell arrived by 7 July and the Union Chapel, which was open for use by all faiths, was dedicated on 30 July 1911.

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Development Period: Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Historic Period Themes: Architecture, Religion

Resource Types: Church, Rural vernacular

Jeremiah Flohr (1846-1922), a farmer from Frederick County, bought land in the Eldersburg-Sykesville vicinity from ex-Governor Frank Brown, and moved to this region. He reportedly bought 250 acres, and paid \$40.00 per acre. In 1900 he set out lots to a new town, named Flohrville after him, and began selling them for \$125.00 for $\frac{1}{3}$ acre. By May 1911 there were eighteen houses and a population of 80. Lots were now selling for \$250-400, and it was reported that "[t]he village has lately been plotted and laid out in avenues, and there will be shade trees planted along them in the future."

It was also reported that Jeremiah Flohr was building a Union Chapel at the corner of Main Street and Central Avenue, and that the cornerstone laying would take place on 28 May. The following day the carpenters began building the frame work, which was completed by 2 June. For a simple structure such as this construction progressed very rapidly. On 23 June it was reported: "Our chapel is being painted this week. The carpenters work being about finished." The following week they were awaiting the arrival of the furniture. According to a local history, the original benches

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were iron. The bell arrived by 7 July and the Union Chapel, which was open for use by all faiths, was dedicated on 30 July 1911.

Flohrville Union Chapel is now strictly a Methodist Church. It has undergone quite a few alterations, yet still retains the traditional and unpretentious character that it had when first constructed.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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"Flohrville Origin Sprang From Land of Religious Man" George Wetzel, typescript
Democratic Advocate, 26 May, 1911, pp. 5, 8; 2 June 1911, p. 8; 16 June 1911, p. 8;
23 June 1911, p.8; 30 June 1911, p. 8; 7 July 1911, p.1; 4 August 1911, p. 8

10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name Finksburg

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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11. Form Prepared By

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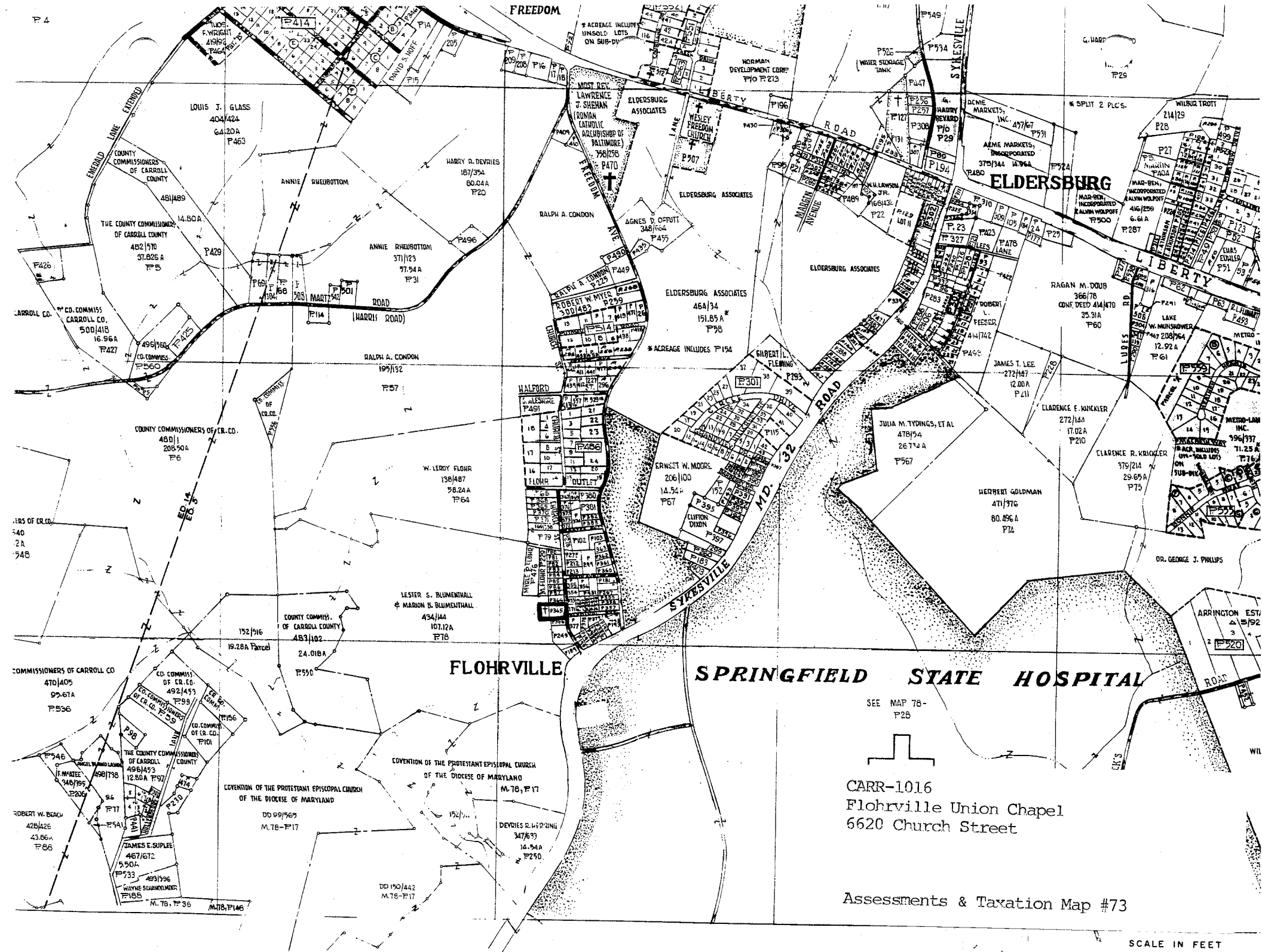
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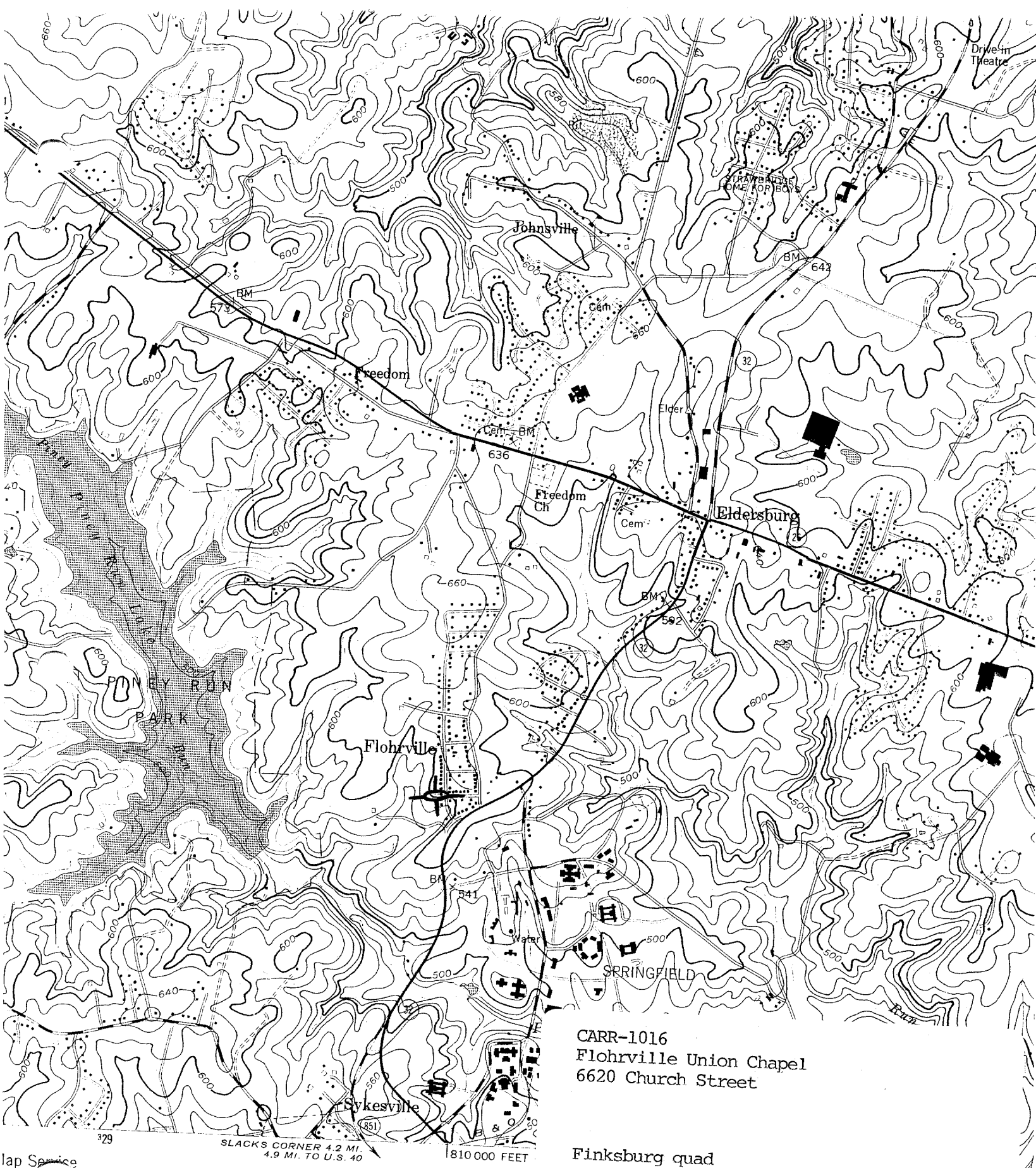
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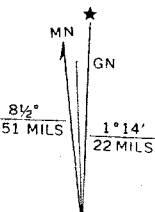




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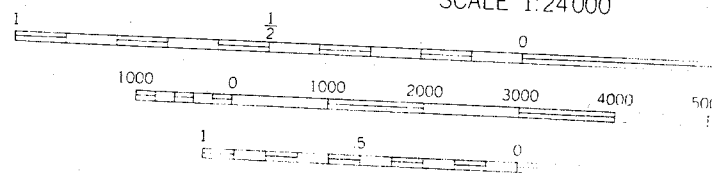
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7 North American datum
Maryland coordinate system



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6620 Church Street





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South & east elevations



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interior - west and north elevations

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